



# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Reduce Waste from Disposable Bags

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$104,116	\$103,872	\$106,318	\$109,346
<b>Revenue</b>				
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#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill establishes the Plastics and Paper Recycling Fund in the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) through a collection of 3¢ or 4¢, depending on the retailer, from a 5¢ surcharge assessed on single-use point-of-sale disposable bags. The retailer will retain the other 1¢ or 2¢. This bill also requires the DEP to conduct an intensive public education campaign regarding the environmental damage from single-use disposable bags. The bill includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$104,116 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$103,872 in fiscal year 2016-17 for an Office Associate II position, an Environmental Specialist III position, rulemaking and other administrative and technology costs associated with the administration of the Plastics and Paper Recycling Fund program. Revenue realized through this surcharge is estimated to cover the cost of these allocations.